

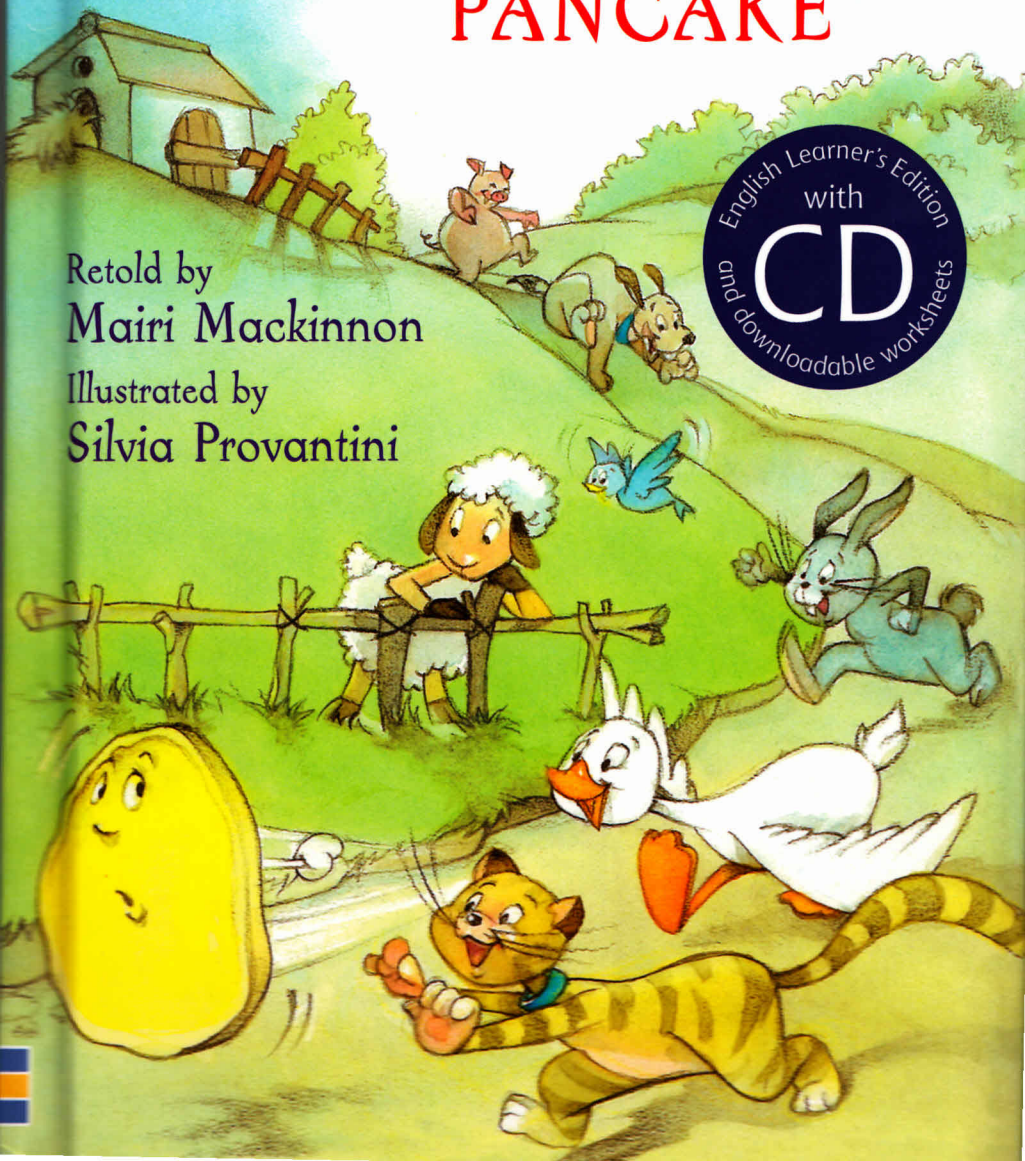
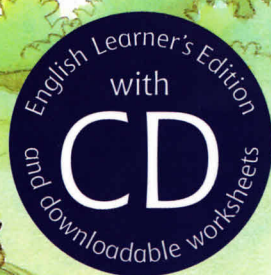
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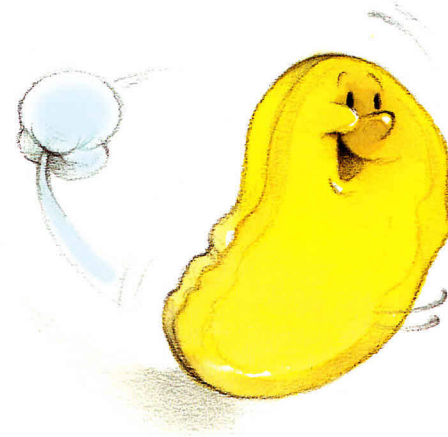


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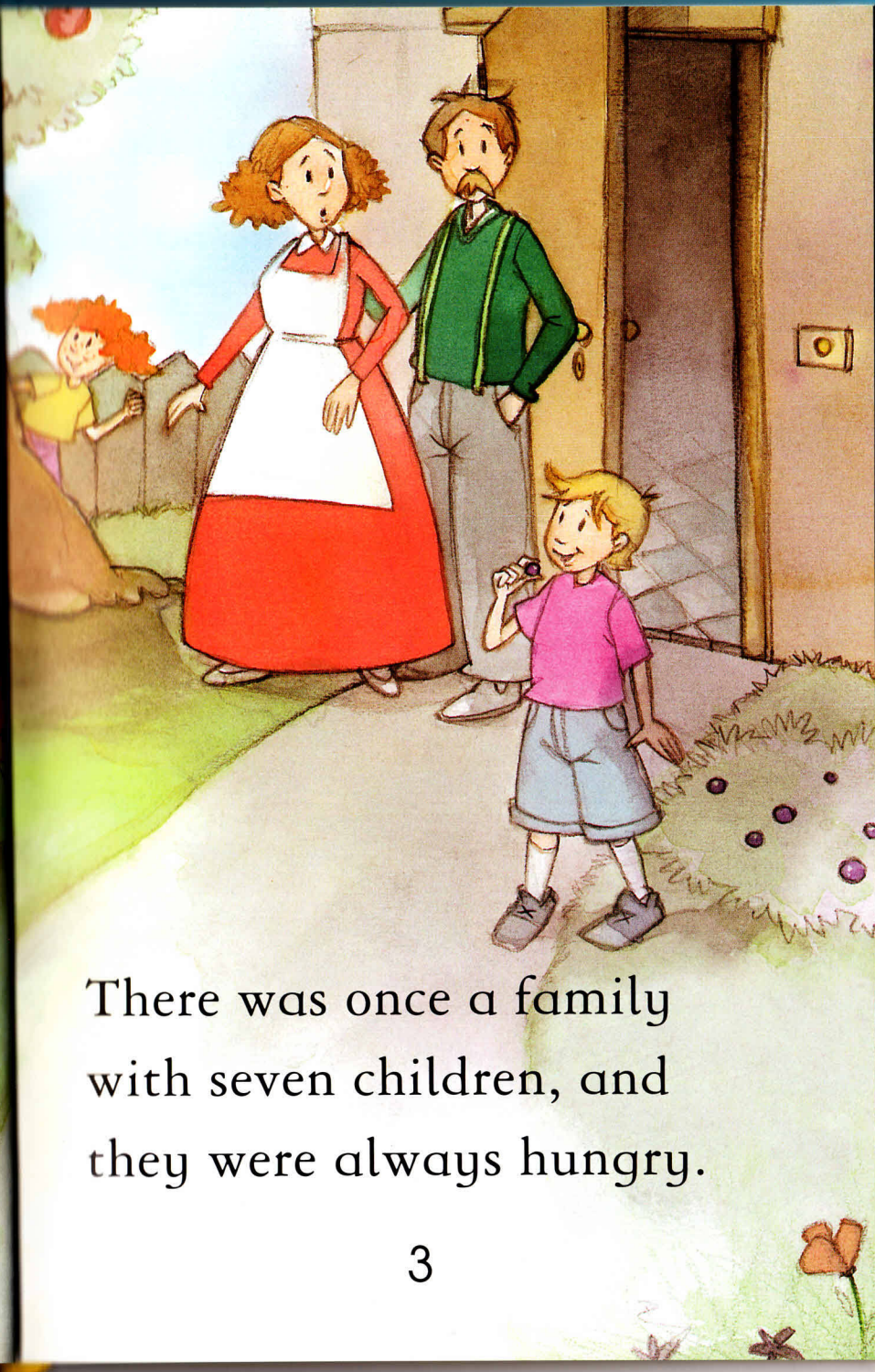
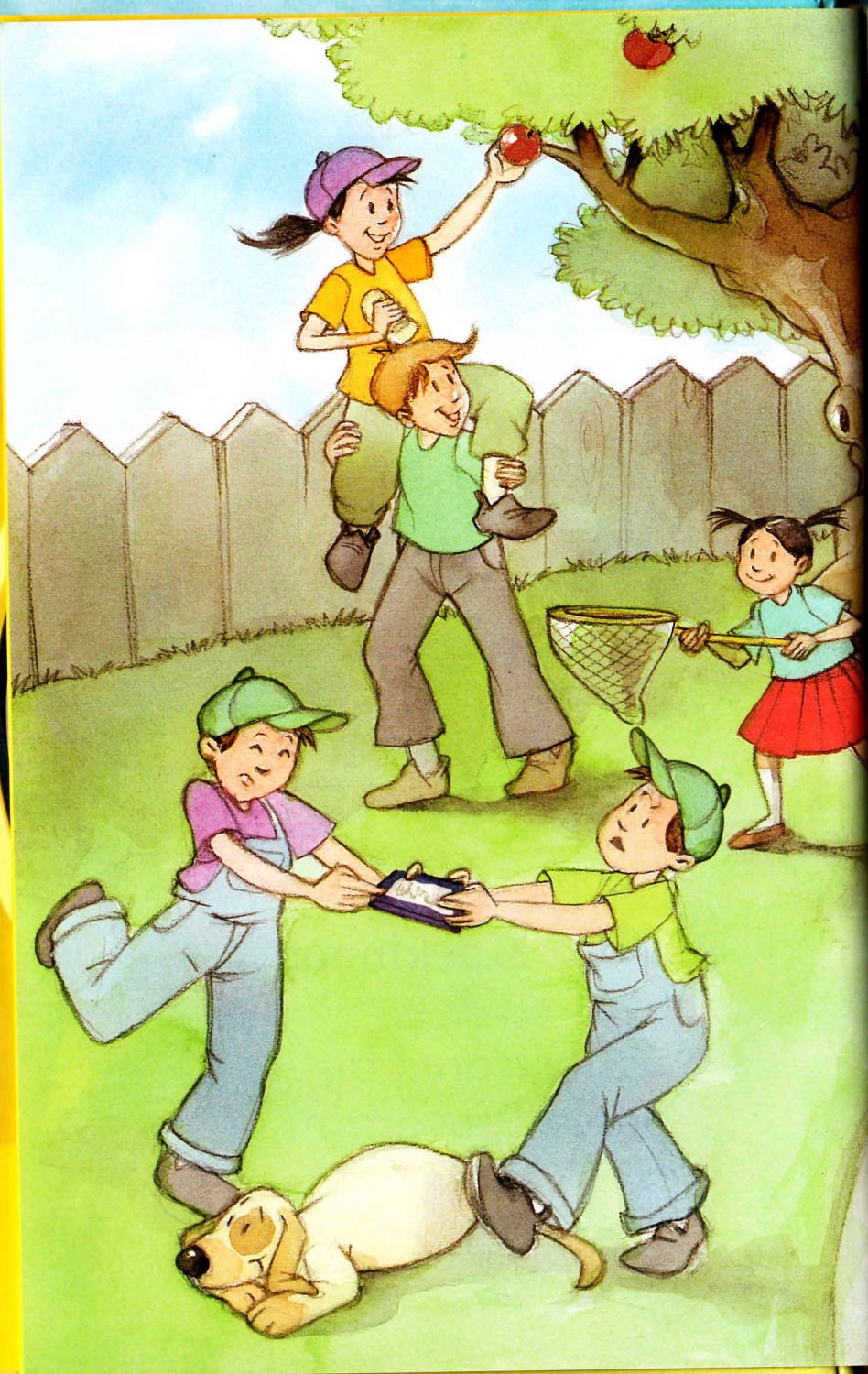
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There was once a family
with seven children, and
they were always hungry.

One day, their mother
decided to make pancakes
for breakfast.

Mmm, I love
pancakes.

I'm starving!

I could eat FIVE
pancakes.

When will they
be ready?

First she mixed
flour, eggs and milk.

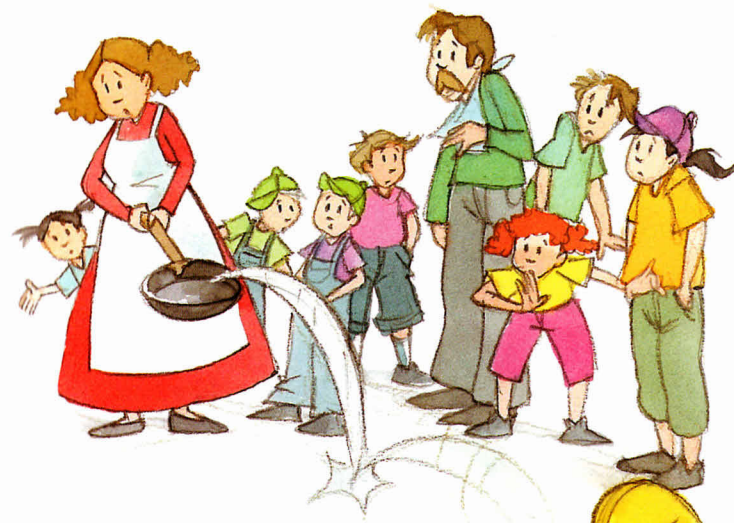
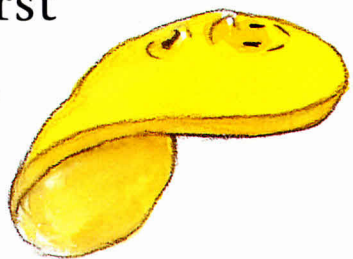
I could
eat TEN.

I could eat
FIFTEEN.

I could eat
TWENTY!




Then she poured the mix into a pan to cook. She tossed the first pancake, up in the air and down again.



But the pancake didn't want to be eaten. It jumped right out of the pan and rolled out of the door.



A woman with curly brown hair, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt and a white apron, is shouting. She is holding a wooden-handled frying pan. Three children are looking at her with concerned expressions. In the background, a man with a beard is peeking out from a green window shutter. A speech bubble from the woman says, "Quick, somebody catch it!".

“Stop!” cried
the mother.

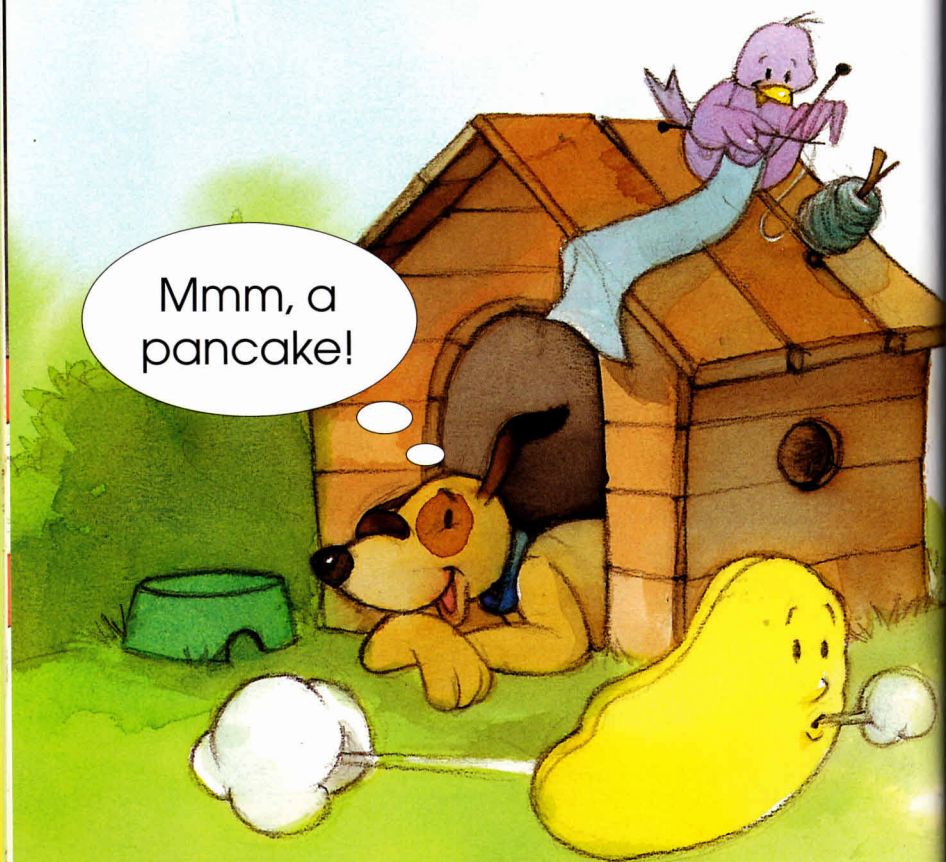
Quick, somebody
catch it!

“Come back!” called the
children and they all went
running after it.

The pancake rolled out
of the gate and into the
road, faster and faster.



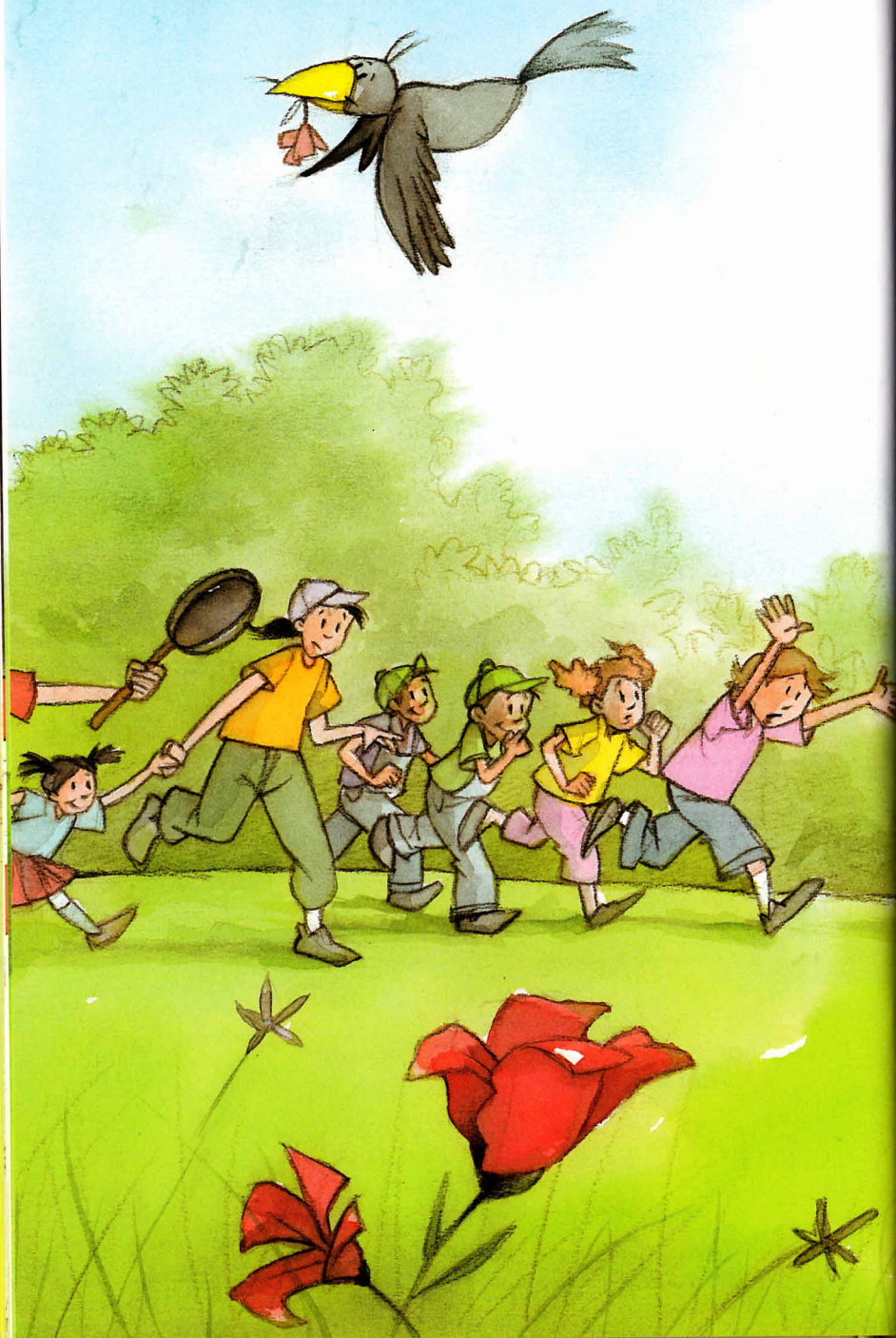
The dog was snoozing in his kennel when the pancake rolled past.



"You look good," he barked.



"Come here and let me taste you."

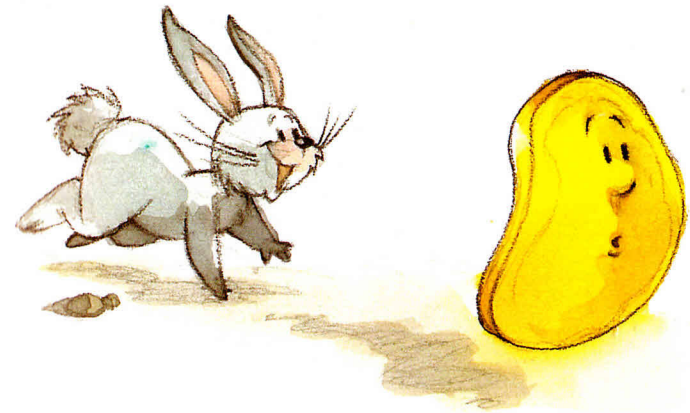
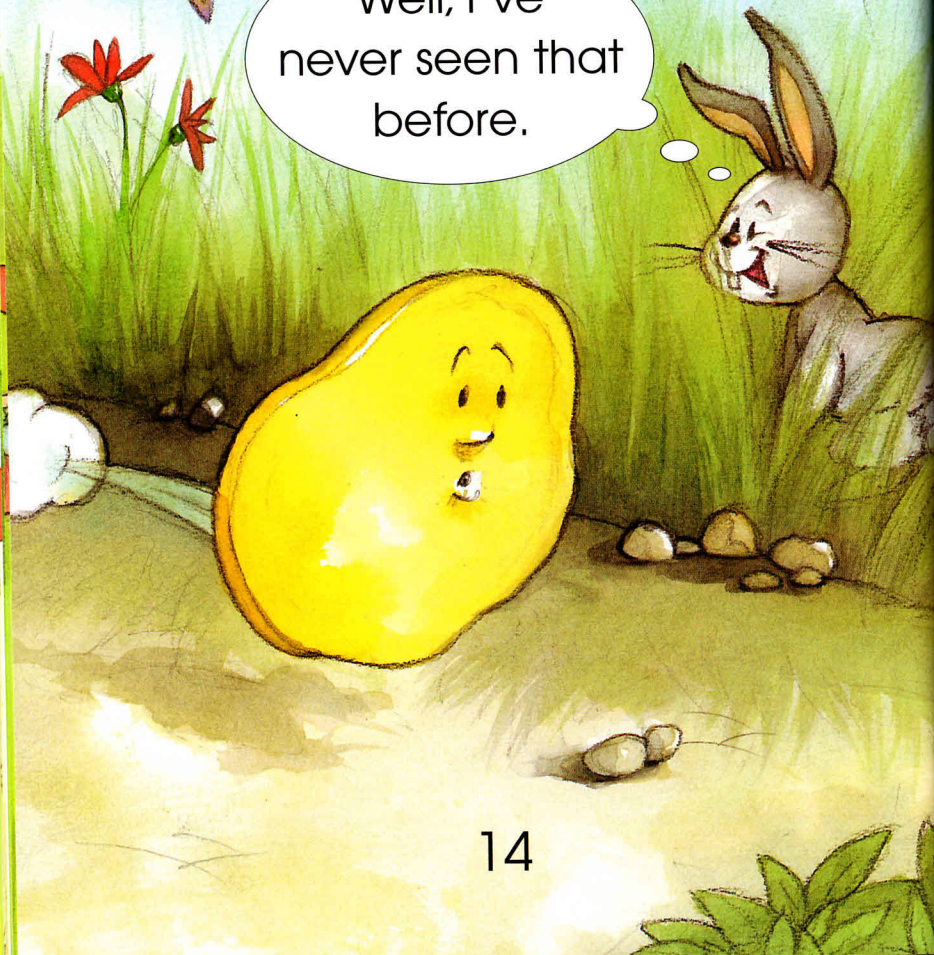


“No!” said the pancake
and rolled on, with the
dog and all the family
chasing behind.



A rabbit in a field saw
the pancake rolling past.

Well, I've
never seen that
before.



“How fast you roll!” he
said. “Can I catch you?”





“No, no!” said the
pancake and rolled on, with
the rabbit, the dog and all
the family chasing behind.



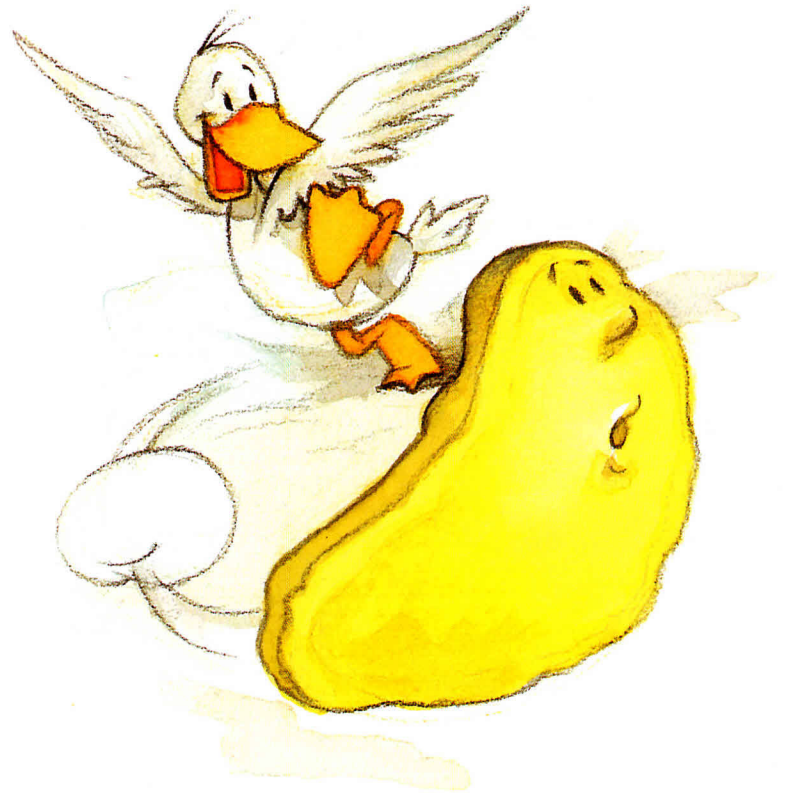
Hee, hee, hee, you
can't stop me!

A duck on the stream saw
the pancake rolling past.

A pancake!
How tasty!



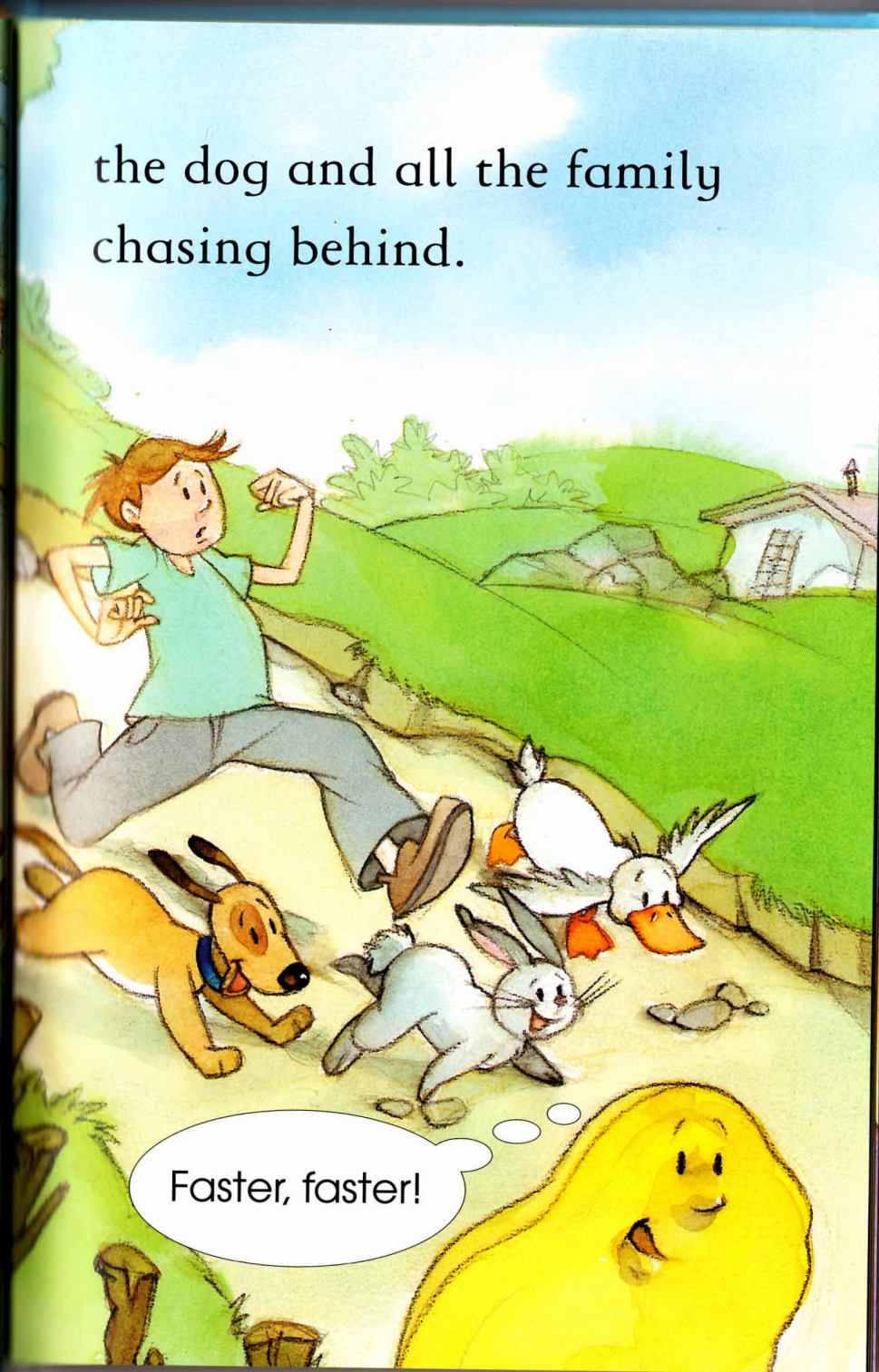
"Stop, Mr. Pancake!" she
called. "Just let me try a
tiny piece of you."





"No, no, no!" said the
pancake and rolled on,
with the duck, the rabbit,

the dog and all the family
chasing behind.

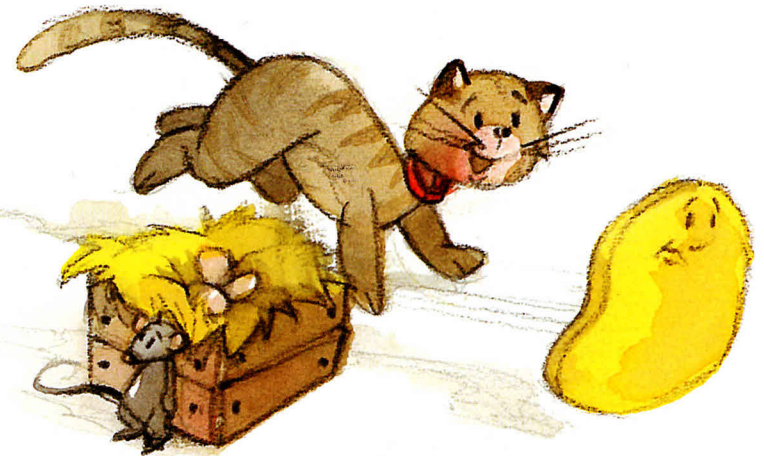


Faster, faster!

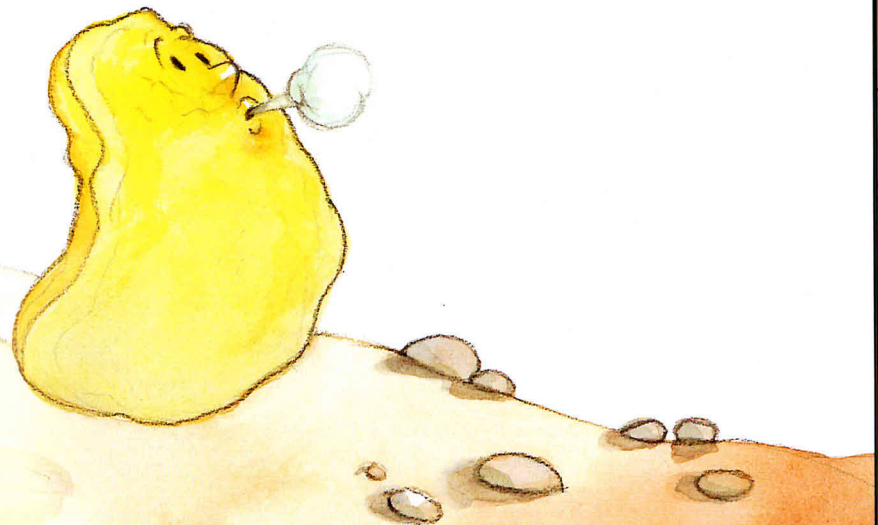
A cat in the farmyard
saw the pancake roll past.

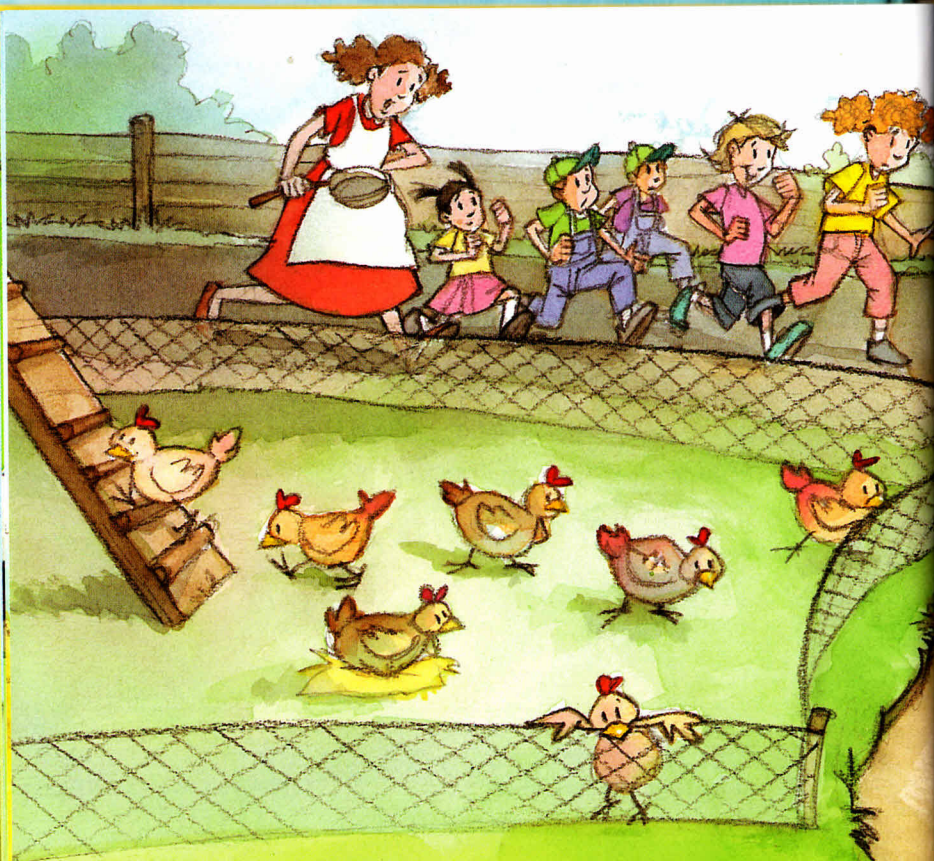


Is it a game?



"Stop! Wait for me!"
she called.





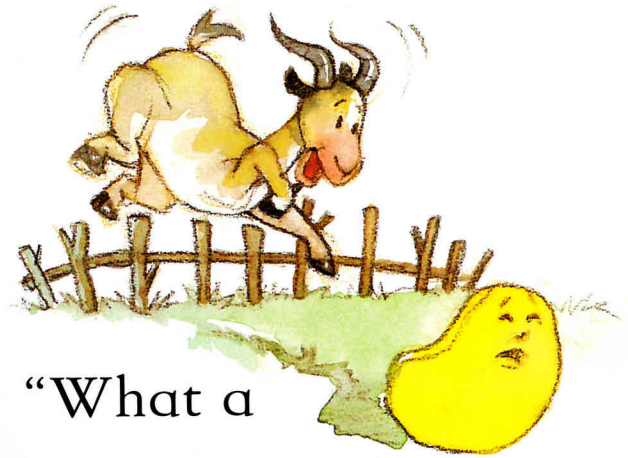
“Catch me if you can,”
said the pancake and rolled
on, with the cat, the duck,
the rabbit, the dog and all
the family chasing behind.



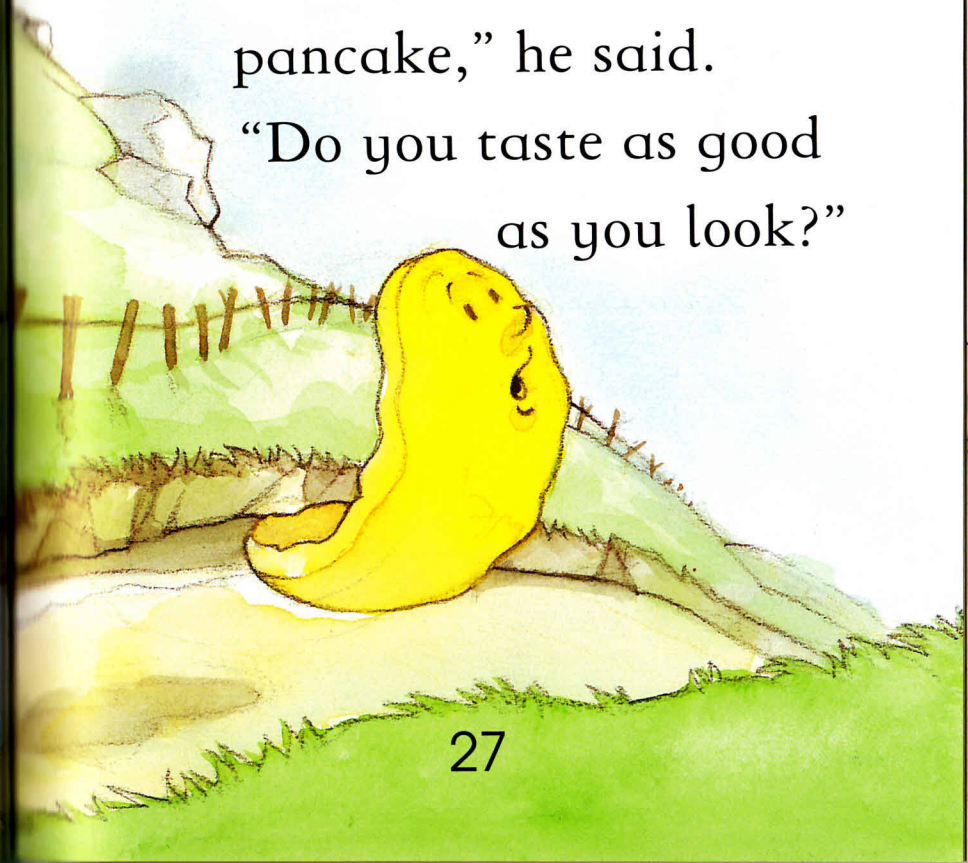
I'm delicious
but you'll never
catch me!

A goat in a meadow saw
the pancake roll past.

Mmm,
delicious!



“What a
fine-looking
pancake,” he said.
“Do you taste as good
as you look?”





"Of course!" said the
pancake and rolled on...

with the goat, the cat,
the duck, the rabbit, the
dog and all the family
chasing behind.



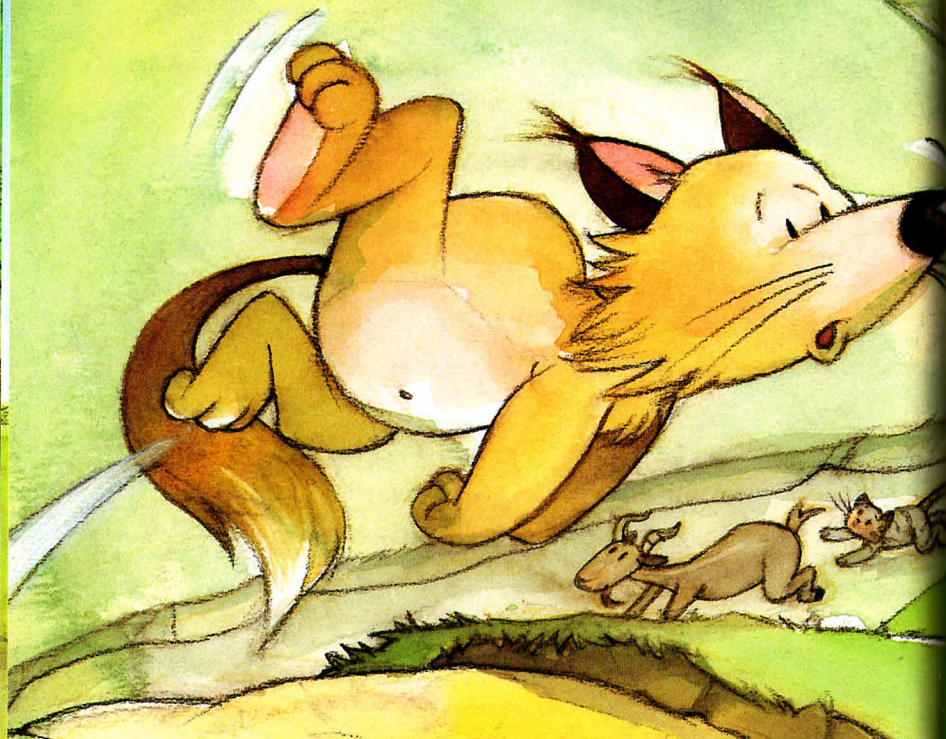
But you're not
tasting me!

A fox in some bushes saw
the pancake rolling past.



“Oh, Mr. Pancake,” he
said. “Why is everyone
chasing you? What
have you done?”

“Can’t stop
now,” said the pancake...

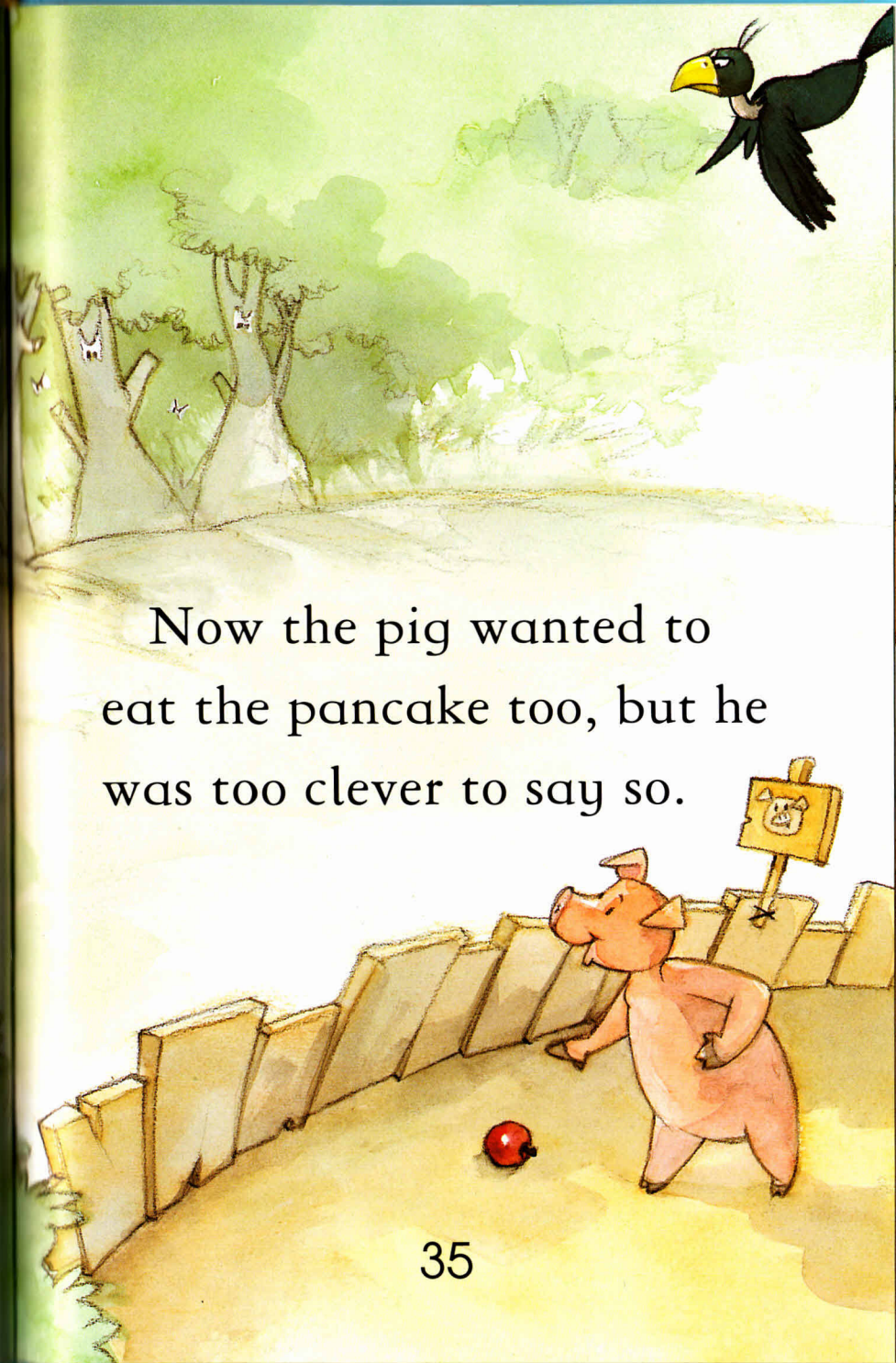


and it hitched a ride
on a kite to escape the fox.



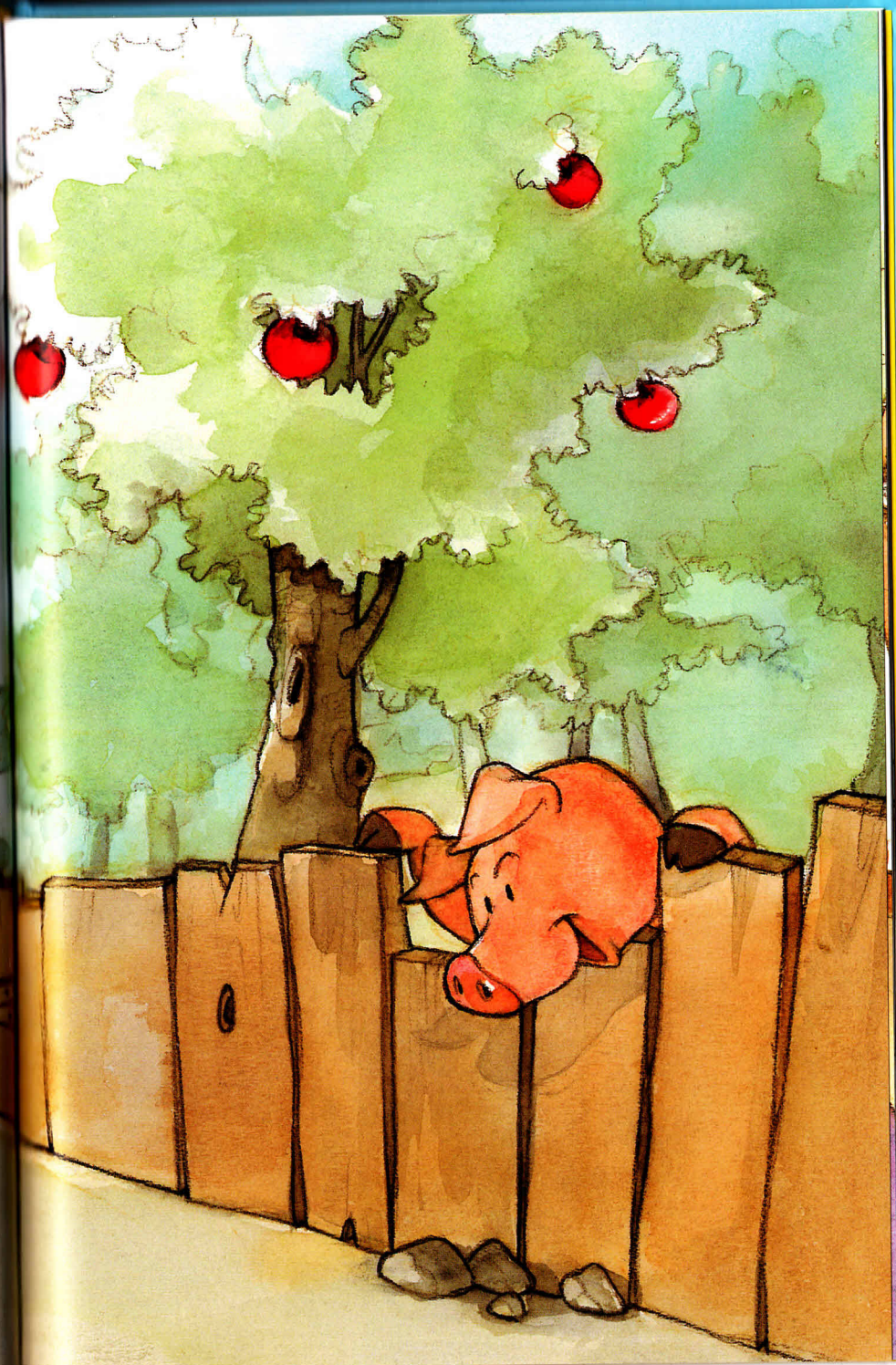
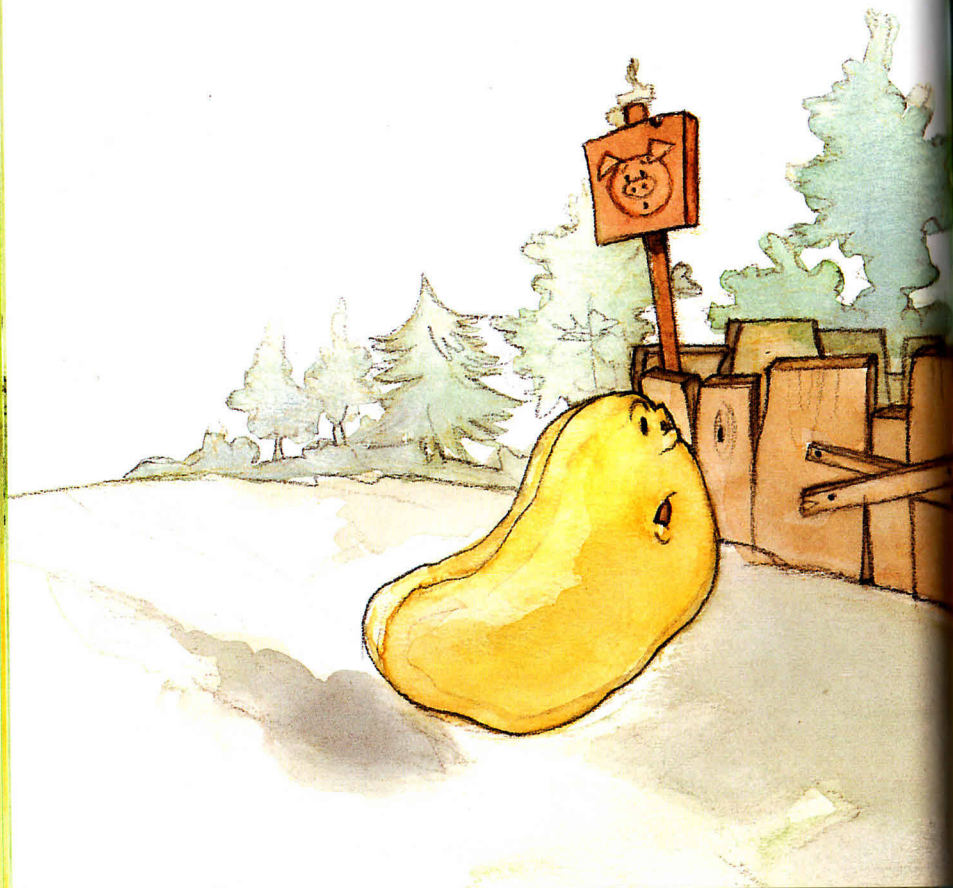


It landed at the edge
of a forest. By the forest
was a pig in a pen.



Now the pig wanted to
eat the pancake too, but he
was too clever to say so.

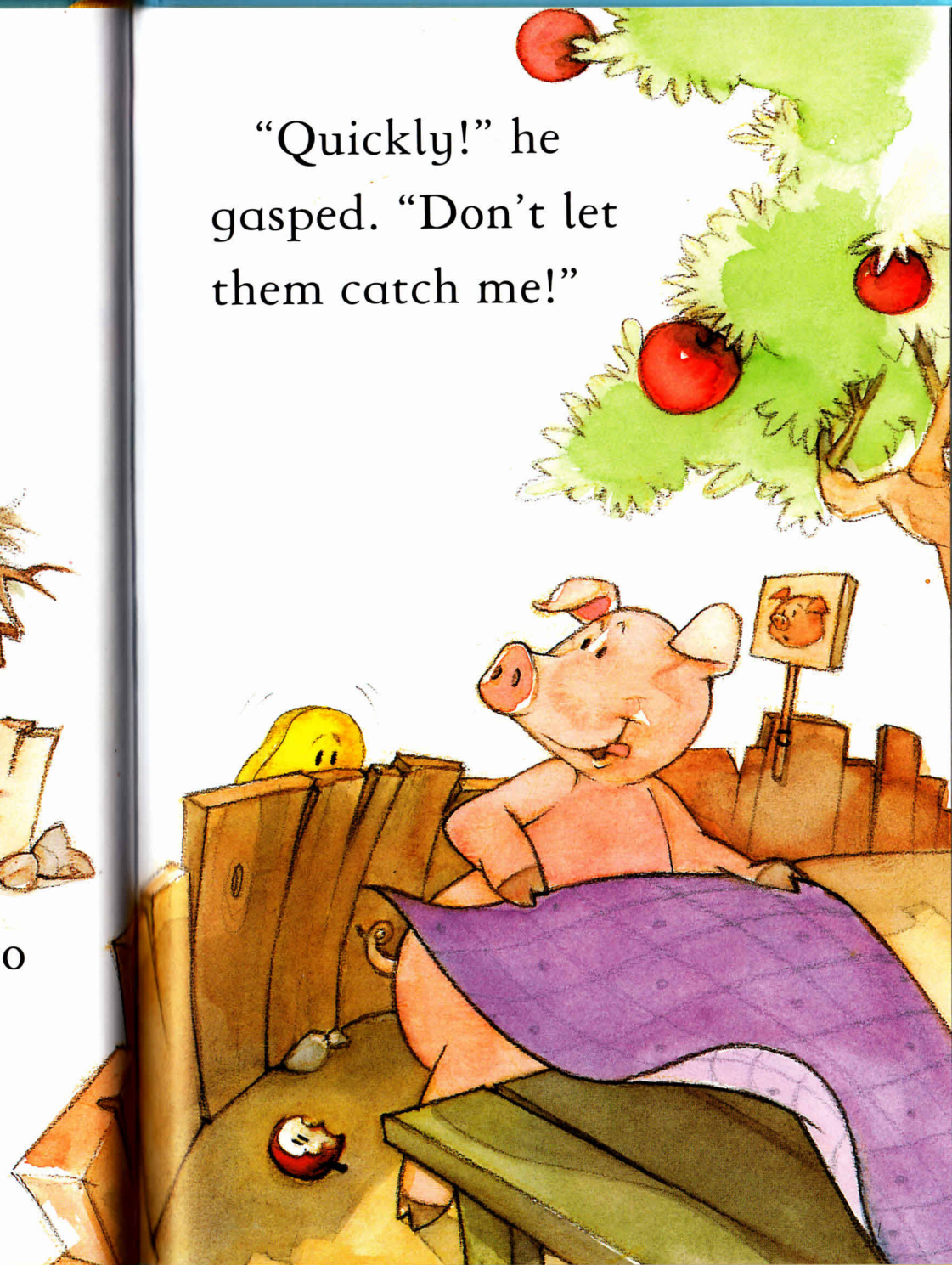
“What’s the hurry,
Mr. Pancake?” he asked.
“Let me walk through the
forest with you. It’s a
dangerous place.”



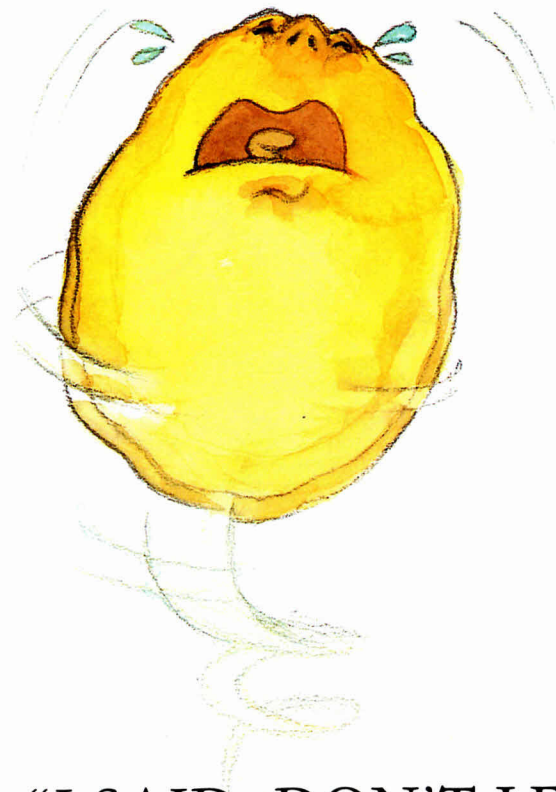
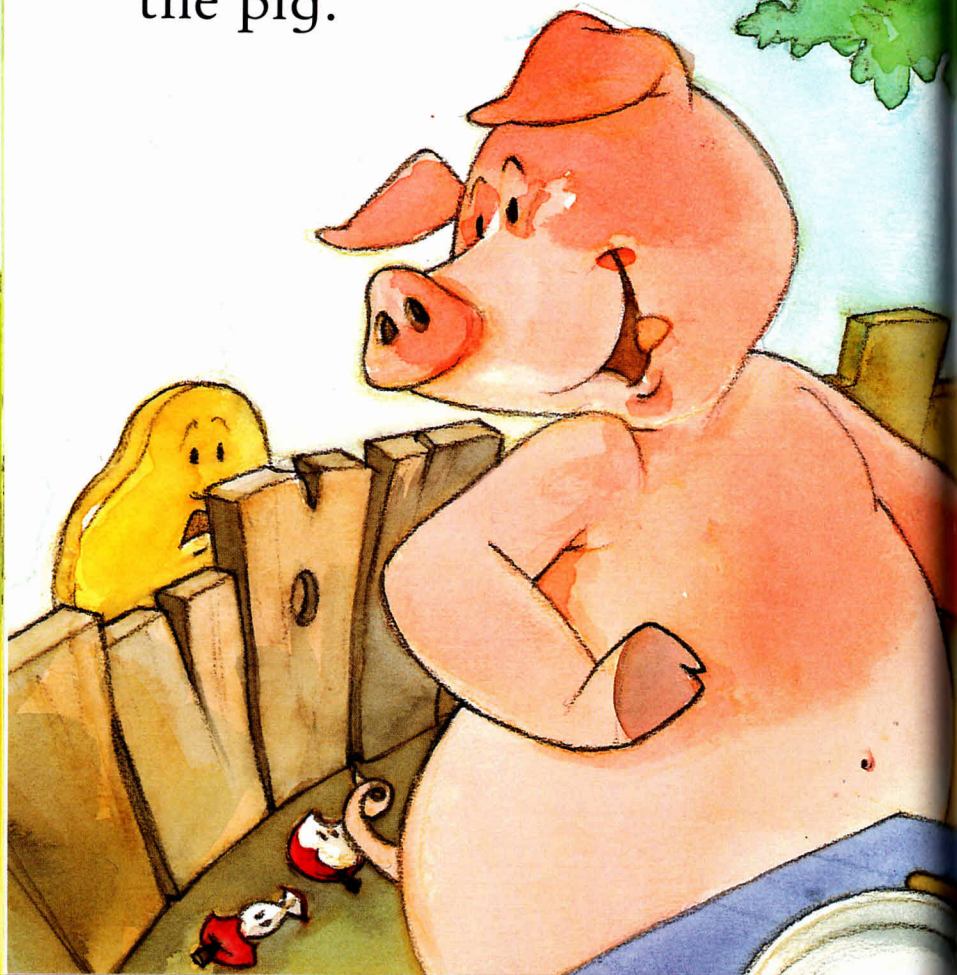


The pancake looked into the forest. Maybe the pig was right.

“Quickly!” he gasped. “Don’t let them catch me!”

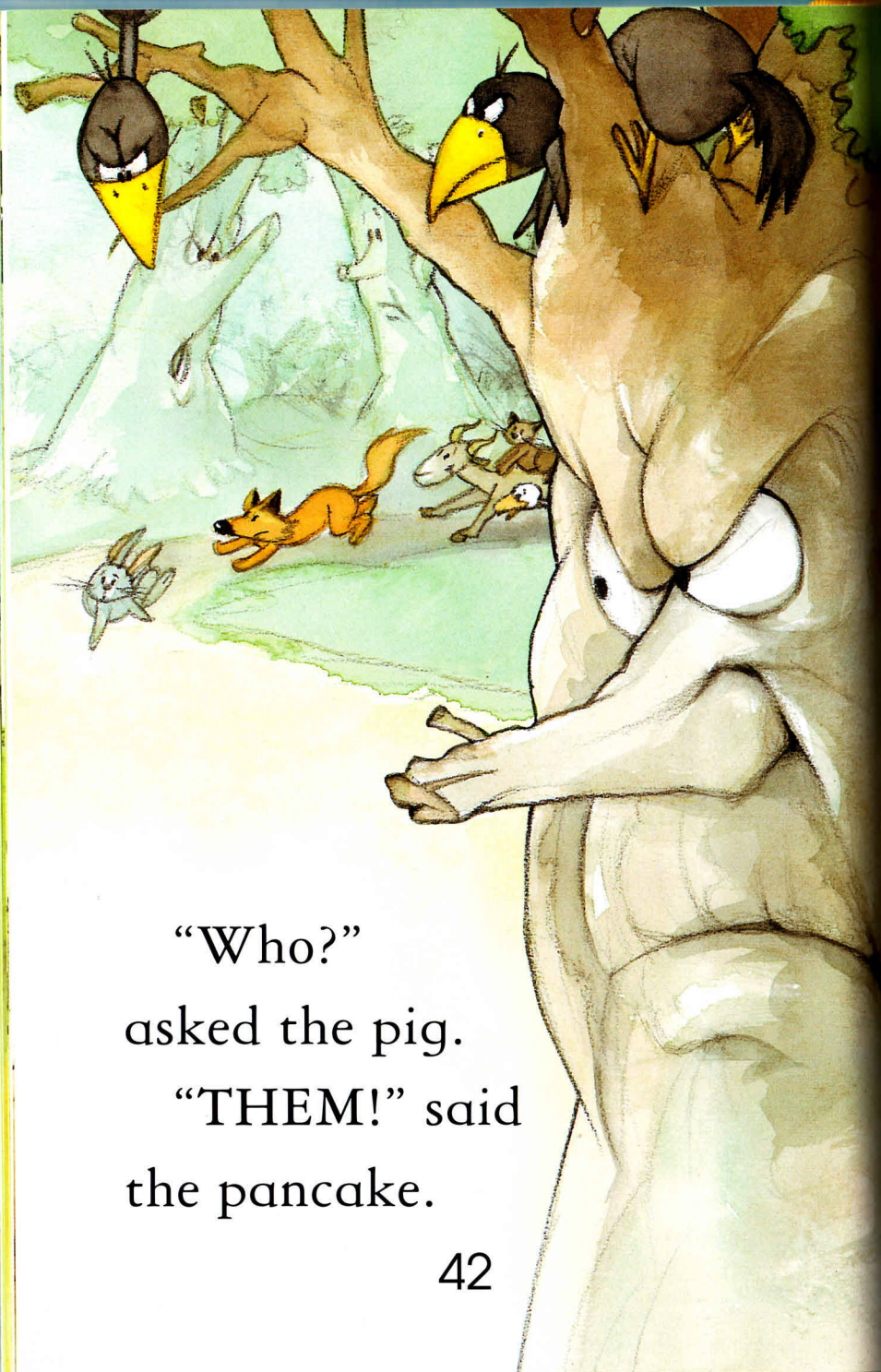


“What did
you say?” asked
the pig.



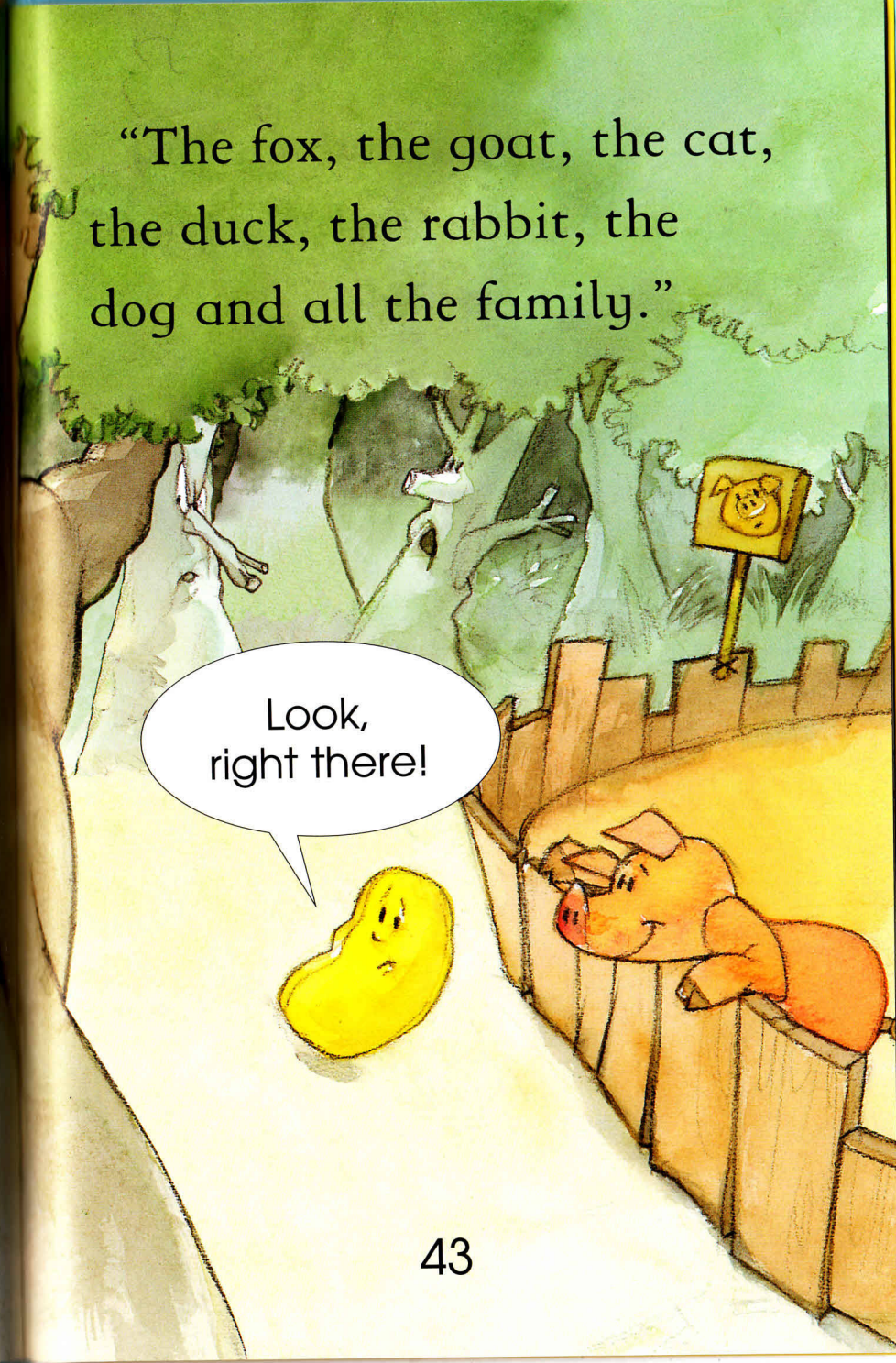
“I SAID, DON’T LET
THEM CATCH
ME!” shouted the
pancake.





“Who?”
asked the pig.

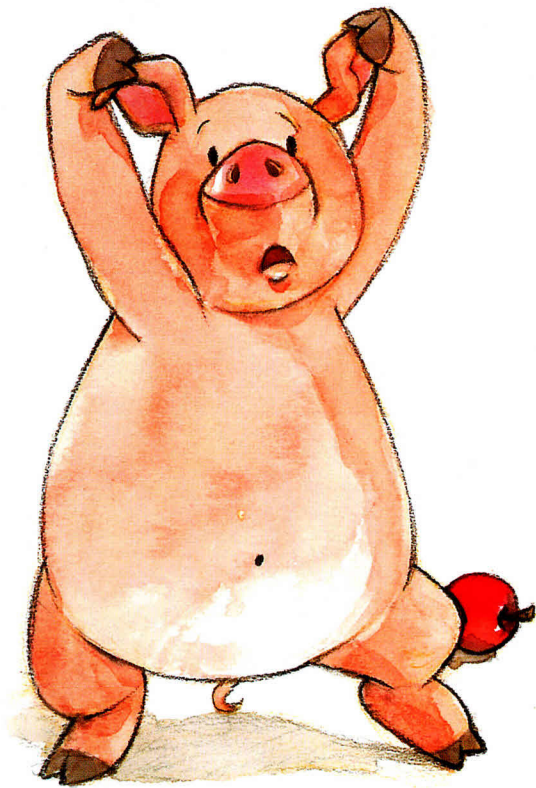
“THEM!” said
the pancake.



“The fox, the goat, the cat,
the duck, the rabbit, the
dog and all the family.”

Look,
right there!

"I'm sorry," said the pig.
"I can't hear you. You'll
have to come closer."

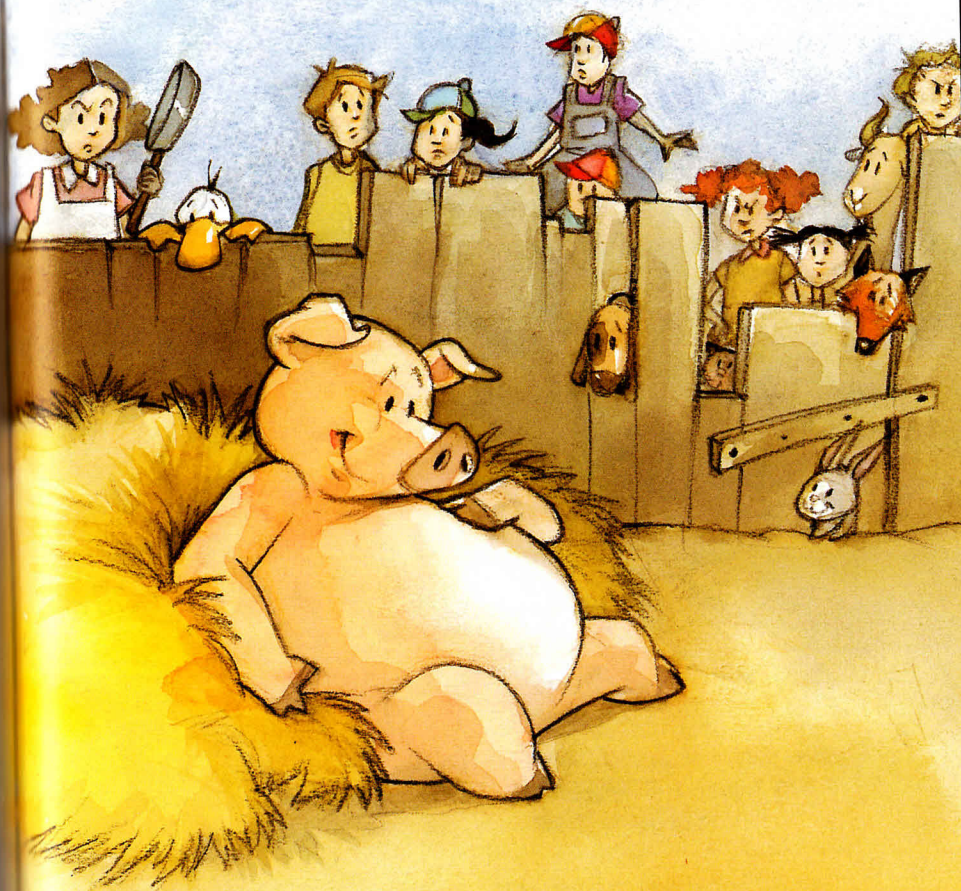
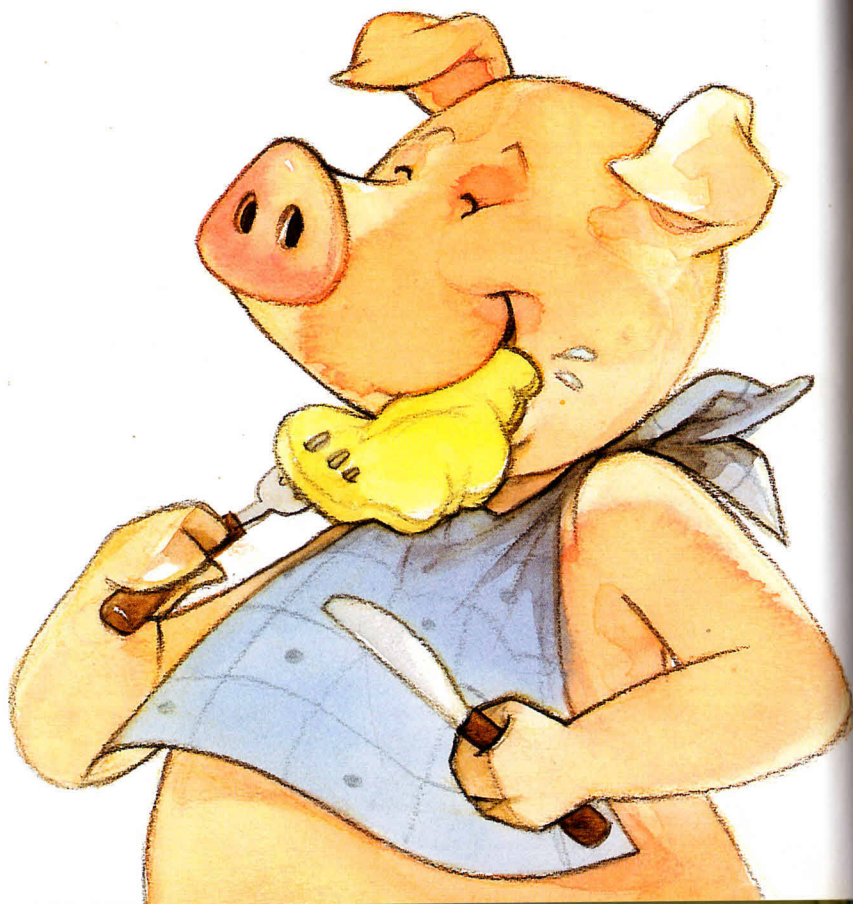


The pancake jumped over
the fence and into the pen.



GOAT,” the pancake began.

But before he could shout any more, the pig snapped him up and swallowed him...



...in one gulp.



The Runaway Pancake is a folk tale from Germany and Norway. There are different versions with different characters, but the pancake always gets eaten at the end.

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